Dear Paul, 9/6/77

Your letter of 8/30 came at just the right time. I'm a bit tired and catching up on mail is less tiring than the work I've laid aside for the mail. I think that continuous walking of a mile and a half first thing this morning atop walking a total of about 8 miles yesterday is a little past my present capacity, enormously more than it is than my capacity of a month ago.

Thanks very much for the check. Lil exclaimed "Paul is such a good friend!" when I gave it to her. In addition to the other and continuing need when the CIA stops stonewalling me I'll need $1800 for what they have not yet given me on the mind-bending stuff. I'd expected more from the FBI today but now I guess it won't come for at least several days. Those costs are mounting, too. You will have gathered some of the historical and other values I see in these records from some carbons.

Oltmans is crazy if not more devious and sinister. His stuff if fabrication, all of which I know, including drM., so I can't find justification even for his newest.

Before I forget, I have a trip to make a speech that will net me very little because the punk lecture bureau signed a contract that did not include expenses. However, because I need even that little and on the off chance that my friend Dave can arrange another appearance while I'm in Wisconsin I've accepted it. It is for the last of this month. Meanwhile I've located where several important witnesses have moved, to Oregon or Washington, I've forgotten. I've interviewed both in the past. I've asked themto consider giving me affidavits to use in court. If they agree I'll have to go out there. If they agree I'll make it while I'm part of the way, not only to save time and costs but my real problem now is getting to and from the airport. If I get to the west coastperhaps I can return via LA.

I've not read the clipping you enclosed but they did not appear here. The Post carries very little on the subject. I knew about the black uproad over the Abby Mann deal from a black friend.

You forgot to enlcose the second Groden. I'll read Penn while I walk, too, like the clips.

On the nonsense about the Secret Service leaking to me, the number 62 at the beginning of an FBI code means administrative inquiry-miscellaneous. In this case it is an FBIHQ number rather than that of the LA Field Office. Under the Act the FBI can withhold what it withheld in this case but under the new statement of policy by the Attorney General they cannot. I'll leave it up to Jim whether or not we appeal on that In this case it is not only that I think it is unlikely that your FBI friend will tell you, as you say, but there is at least a figleaf of sanction for withholding. If you want to talk to him I think a different approach might have some value, poor as the chances are. That is to point out to him that it is undiluted mischief and that while I am critical of the FBI on specific issues and in all cases with specific fact I remain the only one of those called # critics who ever defends the FBI, again on specific issues. When I do it before the kind of audience I had on Good Morning America (which has yet to repay the air fare promised!) it is not for debating or Brownie points. It probably makes no difference to the FBI, which has files on me that range from the grossly fabricated to the deliberately distorted, but I think that in the long run what it has done to me, of which this is an example, will not have been useful to it.

Jim seems to think the person whose name had seven letters may be that nut Charach. He also thinks that Charach's source could have been Fensterwald. The material in question is all public, is in PM, and there never was any leaking or any Secret Service plot to get the FBI. In time I will be taking this up with the Secret Service, which has not complied with my requests for the files on me. Only partly.

I'm confident the FBL LA FO has files on me from my appearances out there if not from work I've done and interviews I've held. But I don't think they'll tell you so don't raise that.

Again many thanks and our best,